Fold paper in half to make an activity card.

Pin the Word on the Target

Home Activity

This activity will help your child:

- Understand spatial sense
- Practice using directional words

What's the point?

Using position words to direct someone to an object's location develops skills that are essential for map reading and navigation.

Book Suggestions

- ***The Fly on the Ceiling*** by Julie Glass
- ***The Grapes of Math*** by Greg Tang

Related Episode

Off Target

Marcus wants to join the Electric Company. But he is having a problem with his wordballs: they won't go straight and he can't hit his target! He can't concentrate, and they zoom off in a different direction.

Find more games and activities at pbskidsforparents.org

THE ELECTRIC COMPANY® and all related characters, logos and design elements are owned and licensed by Sesame Workshop. The contents of this document were developed under a cooperative agreement (PR/ Award No. U295A150003, CFDA No. 84.295A) from the U.S. Department of Education. However, these contents do not necessarily represent the policy of the Department of Education, and you should not assume endorsement by the Federal Government. PBS KIDS and the PBS KIDS Logo are registered trademarks of Public Broadcasting Service. Used with permission.

Produced by: SESAME WORKSHOP

Pin the Word on the Target

Home Activity

How do I do it?

1. Find a room with lots of space to move around. Ask your child to draw a target on a piece of paper and tape it to a wall.
2. On an index card, help your child write the word "target."
3. Stand about 10 feet away from the target on the wall. Cover your eyes with the blindfold, and tell your child that she is going to have to give you directions to help you put the word "target" on the target she has taped to the wall.
4. As you walk toward the target, ask your child for help by asking questions such as: "What direction should I go in?," "Should I go straight?," "Should I go left?," "Should I go right?" Mastering the concept of "right" and "left" is difficult for some children. Before starting the game, talk with your child about what these words mean.
5. Trade places. Now it is your child's turn to hit the target!

Supplies

- Index cards
- Paper
- Pen or marker
- Child-safe scissors
- Tape
- A cloth bandana or something to serve as a blindfold

Take It Further

Write a sentence on index cards, one word per card. Tape the sentence to the wall, but don't tape up the final word. The end of the sentence is now your new target. Take turns directing each other to place the final word at the end of the sentence.